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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 39 35 803 discloses the plate glass front (2) parallel to the main base structure (7) of an oven door has an aperture (5) to receive the flanged end of an operating handle (4) pivotally mounted on a retainer (8) attached to the top of the face structure, and spring-loaded to occupy either an open or closed position. The operating spring may be double-armed or an arcuate plate with recesses providing locking and unlocking positions (20,21) for the oven handle. Switching between these is provided by a pressure element (6) coupled to a lever (13), from which a locking pin (18) projects at right angles. Locking and unlocking positions are located towards the opposite ends of a curved track.

FR 2 616 832 discloses a large handle for doors and other opening panels of great weight or of large size includes a metal core 1 which can be connected to the frame 2 of a door, and a cover 3 made of flexible material surrounding the core 1. The handle provides, at each of the ends of its core 1, a shock-absorbing device 5 consisting of a bush (socket) 4 fixed at one of its ends to the said core 1 and of a cylinder 6 fixed at one of its ends to the said

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frame 2 or vice versa; the cylinder 6 is provided at its free end with a projection 7 which can be housed loosely (with clearance) in the bush (socket) 4 to which it is elastically fixed.

EP 0 345 681 discloses that the invention relates to a locking device for the door of a heating device, with a door handle actuating a latch and with means for obtaining intermediate engagement. In a known device, an additional locking handle is arranged between the door and frame and becomes accessible after pre-release. The object of the invention is to provide a secure lock which is easy to operate. This is achieved in that there is used a rotary latch which engages round a block and on which the door handle rests, in that the rotary latch is located opposite a detent pawl allowing a pre-opening, and in that mounted on the detent pawl is a release lever which, during a second actuation of the door handle, is pushed up and thereby drives the detent pawl. In an alternative embodiment, the release lever is replaced by a control lever, the end face of which is located opposite the detent pawl provided with two catch noses.

DE 43 43 976 discloses that the door handle (10) is preloaded in the direction of the operating setting and has a locking element in the form of a sliding pin (25). The sliding pin projects into a closed groove track (15) with stops (16) and is engaged with the groove track by a spring element (6). The sliding pin is a component part of a moving holder (22) and the spring element is combined with the holder. The holder is a two-armed lever (23,24). The holder is movably arranged on the door front. The spring element acts on the lever which is opposite the lever with the sliding pin.

EP 0 659 960 discloses that, in a pivotably mounted door (2), in particular for household appliances, a handle element (4) running parallel to the opening edge is mounted and guided in a manner pivotable about a pin (5) running parallel to the hinge pin (3) of the door (2), such that, by pivoting with respect to the door (2), the handle element (4) maintains its spatial alignment irrespective of the door position.

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1273 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) no copies of any above-mentioned US patents and US patent application publications are submitted for this application which was filed after June 30, 2003.

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